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1. The evacuation measures announced for Lenzen, Seedorf, and Wittenberge had not been implemented by 24 February 1951. \*
2. An employee of the Lenzen municipal administration said that all measures preparatory to the evacuation of the Lenzen low-land in case of flood were dropped by about 20 February 1951. \*
3. Between 1 and 5 March, 8 German police were stationed in the frontier town of Kella while 20 police had been stationed there three months ago. The police performed patrol duty and, at night, guarded the barrier at the Kella-Wschwege road. No Soviet sentries or patrols were seen.
4. The Soviet detachment in Wartha was brought up to a total strength of three officers and 72 EM on 27 February, including two officers and 60 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets who had arrived recently. The detachment was quartered in the first house behind the railroad overpass on the left side of the road to Wartha. \*\*
5. The commandant of the Soviet kommandatura in Gerstungen, a captain, was allegedly to be replaced by a major on 1 March 1951.
6. Soviet bicycle patrols were seen in the Untersuhl-Gerstungen-Neustedt area since 27 February.
7. On 27 February, control duty at the Lauchroeden checkpoint was again performed by German Grenzpolizei personnel rather than by Soviet soldiers. \*\*\*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]

January 1951 that measures for the evacuation of villages in the Doemitz-Wittenberge-Havelberg area were ordered which, however, were interpreted by local residents as preparatory measures for a possible occupation of these villages by troops.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Another source previously reported the Soviet detachment in Wartha to be stationed in the same building on 10 February 1951. [REDACTED] However, nothing was said in the reference report which indicated a reinforcement of the detachment.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Same source reported a Soviet detachment of 20 soldiers to have been stationed in Lauchroeden on 13 January 1951. [REDACTED]

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